

## **Karen Donohue**

Judge Karen Donohue was appointed to the King County Superior Court by Governor Inslee, effective March 2018. Prior to her appointment, she served for seven years on the Seattle Municipal Court (SMC) bench. Judge Donohue was the presiding judge of SMC between 2016 and the time of her appointment. Prior to being elected, Judge Donohue worked as a Judge Pro Tem in several district and municipal courts, in a general practice firm, as a law clerk/bailiff, prosecutor and defense attorney, consultant and solo practitioner and as General Counsel at a global telecommunications consulting and network development firm. In 1998, Judge Donohue relocated to Dublin with her family for a year, where she also acted as General Counsel to an Irish mobile phone company.

Judge Donohue earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and her law degree from Seattle University School of Law. She currently serves on several boards and committees, including the National Association of Women Judges Board of Directors and the Incarcerated Women and Girls Committee. In 2016, she was awarded the Justice Vaino Spencer Leadership Award from the National Association of Women Judges and the Nevins Award from the Washington Judges' Foundation.